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25X1A 1. [REDACTED] A flotilla of six identical boats with Soviet Navy flags and Soviet crews was seen in the harbor. The flotilla left and entered the harbor several times until it finally departed on the morning of

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Somewhat smaller than former German torpedo boats of the "T" class,\*  
Numbered T 358, 359, 361, 363, 371, and 373 respectively,  
Raised forecastle and long raised bridge,  
One smokestack and one mast forward,  
No superstructures aft,  
Flat stern,  
Torpedo boat type but without torpedo tubes,  
37 - 50 mm weapon and shield mounted fore and aft,  
Painted green,  
Buoys mounted on stern.

2. A mine sweeper of the oldest German R-Boot type and manned by Sea Police lay in Sassnitz Harbor [redacted]  
It was called Freundschaft and was berthed near the old boat harbor which, according to rumor, is to be turned over to the Sea Police. Several officers in former German Navy uniform were seen on board frequently, among them two lieutenants. [redacted]

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[REDACTED] the Sea Police are to be transferred to Sassnitz from Parow.

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25X1A 3. [REDACTED] A large herring lugger of the Rosa Luxemburg or Ernst Thaelmann type entered the harbor. "National Front" was painted on its stern. The boat was about 131 feet long and had one smokestack on which was painted the insignia of the Peoples' Owned Fisheries. It was motor driven and was painted green.

4. A launch, PK 2379, with the Soviet crew and flag and armed with a machine gun, was in the fisher harbor. It was motor driven and was larger than the usual naval launches.

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- 25X1A 5. [REDACTED] In the morning, three large herring luggers of the type mentioned above left the harbor. Their bows were numbered PN 157, 358, and 426 respectively. The naval launch PK 2379 left and entered the harbor several times during the following days apparently on patrol duty.
- 25X1A 6. [REDACTED] One of the vessels of the flotilla mentioned in paragraph 5 above was seen at noon in the Tromper Vik off the place where the Glowe radio station is located. The boat was apparently testing its directional radio transmitter apparatus. A second boat of the fleet was met near Stubbenhammer. [REDACTED] the whole fleet was seen in exercise off Stubbenhammer. 25X1A
- 25X1A 7. [REDACTED] A new ocean-going salvage tug of the most modern construction, ca. 200 tons, with the designation PC 619 entered Sassnitz Harbor. It was motor driven and was said to be outfitted with the most modern equipment. It was built somewhere in the East Zone and allegedly is to be delivered to the USSR. It was painted green like the luggers mentioned above.
- 25X1A 8. [REDACTED] A fishing cutter of unusual construction entered the harbor. About 65 feet long, it bore the markings IPT 1029 and flew a Soviet flag. It was painted green. The exhaust pipe was located before the bridge and was bent back sharply toward the stern in the manner of Swedish cutters. It drew alongside the ocean going tug.
9. A Polish cutter about 52 feet long and painted green was towed in for motor repairs. The harbor authorities took special pains and assigned a special repair crew to the vessel. The crew were the guests of the mayor of Sassnitz in the evening. The reason for the unusual treatment is not known but it is said that fishermen from the East Zone recently have been treated with great courtesy in Polish ports.

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10. The "rear admiral" who is the inspector of the Sea Police and who wears the former German naval uniform, is a former paper-hanger and decorator from Stralsund. He lives in Berlin but is frequently in Parow on inspection trips and has also recently been in Sassnitz. He knows nothing of naval affairs but is not stupid. He is tall and appears to be strong. He has a short ordinary name which, unfortunately, [REDACTED] 25X1X
11. Rumors that Soviet submarines will use Sassnitz as a base are increasing. Two small Soviet submarines are said to have been seen earlier in Sassnitz Harbor. A harbor installation contractor maintains that it is possible that the new installations which have been set up for the fish industry could also be used for military purposes.
12. Personnel are being recruited in Sassnitz to do construction work on the Stettin Free Harbor. Recruiting attempts have been made in other places as well and recruits are promised especially good conditions. 3,000 workers are supposed to be assigned there. The East Zone government allegedly will set aside part of the Stettin free harbor for its own use.

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13. There has recently been a drive to obtain additional living space in Sassnitz. The population are canvassed by loud speakers to register any free rooms they might have. The rooms are said to be for industrial workers but the citizens think the rooms are wanted for Sea Police personnel.

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\* ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ describes the "T" class as follows: "Normal displacement 441 tons, 203' 5" long, beam 23' 3", draft 6' 10" (maximum). Could carry 40 depth charges and had mine capacity of 31 Model 1926 mines. Speed of 14-18 knots and had two 3-bladed Diesel engines and fuel capacity of 96 tons."

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